

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1893.

An esteemed correspondent at Hartney in enclosing us subscriptions for new subscribers asks us to give a word of explanation of the lumber combine, stating lumber is now dearer than it was in 1885.

we have said were subject to 17½ per cent. As then under the revenue tariff of those days there were varying duties, with many imports free, there can be no imports now, even those of coal oil, binding twine, barbed wire, and lumber, without in any way compromising the principle of a revenue tariff. The protectionist National Policy men has the most to complain of before subscribing to the "Farmers' Platform," but the government has themselves have opened the way by which he can without fear of overturning his trade predictions, for instance, the other day the government reduced binding twine from 25 to 22½ per cent., without compromising the principle, and if they can reduce the duty on one manufacture they can do it on another, and if they can reduce it from 25 to 17½ per cent. they can reduce it to nothing on one. The government can make this reduction in their interest as the Manitoba protectionist farmer can make on the reductions enumerated in the "Farmers' Platform" in his.

The foregoing applies with greater force to the farmers in Manitoba, as we said in the trade bulletin, that barley only nets the farmers there 32. per bushel. Many farmers appear to have about as great a dislike to hogs as the Hebrews. They feel a lot of useless, but no one wants at any price and they are cutting their heads off, and in the fall they have a lot of steers, two years old, for which they get 20. per lb., but sorrow a brood sow do you find though she could bring two litters a year, which could be sold at 6 months old for from \$8. to \$10. each.

The carnival, which took place last Thursday at the rink, was as usual a success and Manager Harbeck has to be complimented for a third time, for a pleasant and successful evening entertainment. A skidding carnival, like other carnivals, is always amusing, there being such a medley of characters, the strange costumes and the still stranger acquaintances formed, add to the enjoyment of the spectators. The races were again one of the many incidents remarkably successful. The Indians, who did not all seem to be "to the manor born", were a great attraction and we fancy had the lists of the Blackfoot tribe been present, they would have been equally attracted, particularly in the war dance. The town band was in attendance and played many lively pieces. The spectators appeared thorough appreciate the whole performance. The races were one of the interesting features of the evening. The first for boys was won by F. Smith; L. Hamish, second and T. Hannah, third. The first prize was a wild scarf pin. The men's race was a

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